

Howland Wood - Curatorial

Heal, S.S.

[Toronto, Ontario]

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Dec. 9th 1914.

My dear Wood.

Many waters have gone over Niagara Falls - since I heard from you, and only a very strong sense of duty induces me to worry you again -

Unanswered letters are a fairly strong hint that the old days are past. and Howland Wood the wealthy amateur oriental collector - the Sir John Franklin - Capt Peary and Dr Cook of Ships, Col & Com, and Canadian blacksmith's fame, is lost forever in the Howland Wood who has retired into the snug respectability of the A.N.S. Yet - I cannot help thinking that at times your thoughts run back to other days and you live over again your scenes of glorious victories, when as a free lance you flung your sword & lance in the open fields. A line in Numismatist for this month (pg. 100) reveals the close intimacy between yourself and Mr. William B. Osgood Field - (may Allah shine upon him!) and shows the spirit of the Immortal John still struggles with the flesh.

Speaking of S.C. & C. I gave last ~~last~~ year - 47 vars. away for a paltry £10⁰⁰ cash. I knew D.C. Woods collection - with slacks of S.C. & C. would be on the market - and I hustled mine off before that day of slaughter.

Did I ever tell you - Spinks stood me £3. 10. 0 for my Patna Post. Its a pleasure to do any biz. with Spinks - God Bless Them.

Recently I got a card from your Soc. about some exhibit of coins - If I lived near N.Y. I'd have a look at them - but its too far to come (or go)

I would also give them some odd pcs. if they'd keep quiet about it - but I suppose only U.S. m.m. are allowed in your show. Some day - I shall put my ancient Incerti in my pocket - & see if you have anything like them in your charge -

Your discovery of that Higley copper was all right -
but you must miss Moreys poor & noted in hunting
for odd pcs.

You will note I won the Wooden prize for getting
members for A.N.A. It came in handy - as I was just
then fronting an empty Coal bin.

I'm not married yet. I must try to this year - as
it is my great ambition to see a son of mine struggling
along under the name of Sauman -

That name has a charm for me. I wouldn't mind getting
the beers that he sports an Imperial.

Its kind of cold today - about zero - early this morning.

Say - have you the "Ptolemaic King of Egypt" in your library -
If so I'll be obliged if you can place this - I'll enclose rubbing.
I have also a small E. hardly $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. Eagle to left. and
facing eagle. a seated infant - cannot make out.
but think its a females head.

Lord - man - I'd like to look over your coins - but
suppose I shall never have the chance -

I suppose you are a very busy man - if you're too busy
to give me an answer - don't mind - I'll take the
well for the deed if you are -

I see Grey is still alive - he is another busy man - too
busy to answer a letter -

Well - heres to you -

Faithfully

S. S. Head.

April 20th 1914.

My dear Wood.

Your favor of Feb. 11th came duly to hand, and was appreciated properly - As your time for idle correspondence is now limited, I refrained from going in & bat at once. Age, makes, or should make us considerate, While I would disdain swiping your numismatic treasures unless perfectly sure I should not be found doing so. Why not resist the temptation to steal your precious minutes & hours?

This was all O.K. but I thought - Here is H.W. and like Moses of old - told open Stoly Writ. he may be wearied in the fight with Bauman - the heavy weight - and Tommie the feather weight of the numismatic fancy - and it may be my part to play the part of Joshua of old and hold up his hands during the scrap.

any rate my writing him cannot hurt him at all, unless he's foolish enough to read my epistle - and if he hands my effusion over to his Ac. & Stens. She may not let it reach his desk.

How I wish I could drop in and help you in your work of labelling the loaned exhibits you show in your building. Here's a hint for you. If some of your high bloods loan you a large number of coins for exhibit - why not get a steel name punch made and countersamp their names on their coins. This would explain the large number of coins stamped "N.J.TRAY" - Doubtless Nick had loaned these rarities to some learned Society and wished to impress upon both coins & society the fact of his ownership - or you might use a white paint - and print (with paint) their names on the coins.

Why the devil didn't you buy those S.C & C. nos. of D.G. Woods in that Low Sale - I was fool enough to do so and found only 26 straight vars. (Woods numbers) in the lot that contained, according to Lyman - 36 die vars.

I wondered recently what the Q.N.S. motto meant - "Parva me sperant" - I suppose it means to hint that the modest acorn is the father of the oak tree - but on consulting the Latin Richardsonary I find "Parva" means - a little girl - and "me" (in some cases) do not.

Wood #2. April 23rd 1914

"Pereant" I could not find - Do its a puzzle -
as it is - all I can be sure of is -

"Little girl! do not —

This is maddening - do not — what?

Is there some hidden meaning that eludes me -

You see Howland - There are so many blamed things
little girls should not do -

Your - or the Q. R. S. communication of the 21st came
to hand yesterday - I will get an order for 100 and
enclose with this - Probably the catalogue is held up
by our Customs - Russ all Customs anyhow.

Now - I have to thank you for your attribution of my
rubbing of large Cleopatras - I got one of them from
Henry Chapman's sale of June 25, 1913. and he said it was Pl. III.
(quergetes 1). Another came from Dow's. April 21, 1913 sale. How said
Pl. VIII. The third came from Baldwin - Pl. VIII.

Can Henry indeed be wrong? Perish the thought give
But I have some more puzzlers for you. I will mark each
rubbing a number & place coin in envelope with same number on it,
so if you can attribute - just say.

* 1 - is — Then I'll put that on envelope.

I just hate having coins that I cannot place.

Another thing - will Valentines work on Indian coins treat
of coins such as I send rubbings of - if it will - I'll get the
books.

Ruttam



Gwalior



Nepal



Travancore

all are copper.



upside
down

Wood #3. April 23rd 1914

I'll be obliged if you can place those for me - I think two of them came from a book sale this winter.

I found out by a cut in the Grogan cata, that a small copper I had had for years - was a 1 Rupie of Pondicherry - under Holland. Figure of Kali - like #529 pl III. Grogan cata.

I got a dandy Egger plate cata. recently. I'm sure I don't know how I get these costly plate cata's unless some unknown kind patron orders them to be sent to me. If there is such a kind patron - May the blessed Saints reward him. When I saw about your cata. in Numismatist I thought I'd get it. If the illustrations are all equal to those given in "N." it must be a dandy. Another reason was - it was your work. and I yearned for it on that account. Another thing before I forget it - If in these rubbings sent you of Eastern stuff - there is one of a coin you'd like (if you haven't got it) to place in Q.N.S. cabinet - you're welcome to it - or the Soc. is - gratis - provided you never mention my name in connection in any way. I don't want any cheap advt. son.

Well Summer will soon be here. and I'll be able to go over the Lake again and get some of that brew that makes Milwaukee jealous - more power to it. Woodrow will have the time of his political life - in this scrap with Vera Cruz. A tough proposition to row with the Holy Cross.

I see the U.S. Consul at V.C. has a mighty good name - "Canada" it is - well if Woodrow can't settle things OK - I'll drop a line to Hessler to see about it - if its beyond the old man I'll have to go myself - Order enclosed.

Faithfully

S. S. Head

P.S.

April 23rd 1914.

The Cata. was delivered at house this aft. Its some cata, too - and does you credit. If I might say so without hurting your feelings - I would say it is a pity each coin in cata - was not given a number - so the reader could look at - let us say a cut on pl. 14 - and be able to turn at once to the page for particulars -

As the coins belongs to different parties - they could hardly be arranged each in its proper series - but there are, or were, difficulties enough for you to grapple with without my calling attention to what could hardly be avoided or helped. Its a great catalogue and that Wurtzbach certainly has some coins - and one looking at his exhibit must (I suppose) remember he only showed a selection.

I hope in the future your Soc. will show other series - European, Orientals & Ancients - and issue plate cata's of same - I'll try to get them if they are issued - I hardly suppose I shall ever be able to actually see one of your exhibits, but I'd certainly enjoy it if I had the good luck.

By the way - can you tell me denomination of a French coin, similar metal & planches to the Cayenne Sou. Obv. a Crowned 'C' in field - legend 400. XX. D.G (a dogrunning) FR. ET. NAV &c. Rev. SIT NOMEN &c. 1749 - but I cannot make out what was in centre - its worn. Is this a 1 Sou or 2 sou. And is it a Cayenne?

Michaels cata. of Ben Greens stuff to hand same delivery as your cata. Isn't Michaels a Jew?

Ever see Frey now - or is the dear man dead?

This is the common double Sou
of 2^{1/2} Deniers that you
will find in Boston, commonly
called Billon Marquis.
They were valued at 3 sous on the Isle of Fr & Bourbon
valued at 25 6^{1/2} in the West Indies where they were
called dogs. In Canada they had the same value
as in France, 2^{1/2} Deniers. At Cayenne worth 18 Deniers.
For use at Cayenne they were cast with C crowned. Later they simply
stamped the C crowned on blank planches

May 28th 1914.

My dear Wood.

Thanks for your favor of the 9th, and
your answers to some of my bothering questions.

I am sorry that my letter of Ap. 20th inconveniences your
stenographer and yourself so much - It shall not happen
again.

In yours of Feb. 15th there was an implied invitation to write
you again - that is my only excuse for my April break.
~~Do~~ Doubtless your time is more fully occupied now than it was in
Brookline - and ordinary correspondence is a thing of the past.
Allow me to congratulate you on the day you celebrate on
Sat. the 30th.
Thanking you for all past favors and the many kindnesses
received from you in the past.

Faithfully
S. S. Heel

With love
about Valentine
book

I heard McL. says that Wood, Dow & Head
are in a conspiracy to make "blacksmiths" and
put them on the market.
Guilty or not guilty my boy?

Sept. 16th 1914

My dear Wood

I have two letters from you,

one today -

B. 508-9 - I have seen these from 1738 to 1763.
My idea's of dates of Canadian history are kind of loose, but
those dated after Capture of Quebec by Wolfe, can hardly be
termed Canadian -

Grossard Sen. in his General Hart Catalogue - calls these
"Louisiana Farthings." 1764 last date in Hart's.

Barton left today on his holidays - he has a pile of these, sorry
I cannot give you dates he has. Those dated 1738 will fetch
here - double or more than the others.

I havn't one on hand. think very little of them - have
bought 509^{1/2} for 35⁴ or 40⁴ each. later dates than 38.

In former letter you asked after the Mater. She's very
well but her sight is too poor now to allow her to read
at all. and being very deaf time hangs hard on her.
She raises such strong objections to my being away from
the house over night, that I can only get away as far as
Buffalo (been there twice this year), or Hamilton where I go to see
Wood minor.

Yes. the war is on - over 5000 troops have left Toronto
& suburbs for the war. but they're at Valcartier & Point
Lévis still - drilling -

K. of K. is running the British end all OK. While I have
nothing against the individual German - as a German -
I think the policy of Kaiser Bill - the "God & I", and military
one man rule a fraud.

France, Belgium, Russia & England are not only fighting their
own battles, but indirectly they are fighting for the U.S.
and freedom from the curse of militarism -
news from war zone quite satisfactory the last 10 days - but
I found a week or so ago in Buffalo - strong pro German feelings.

I cannot see how Germany can escape defeat - She counted too much on British trouble in Ireland, Spinks Cir. to hand this week for day I suppose it is Mrs H.W. who is mentioned there. I suppose general feeling in N.Y. is pro German - so many Jews (who seem to have it in for Russia) and Germans there.

I'm not struck on Russia myself - but its a whole sight better for her to be fighting against Germany - than against France & Eng.

I'm not struck on the Jap alliance either -

Business is dull here at present - but nothing awful, I see Tommy is going to sell coins of Moctezuma - if its really Moctezuma's all. I'd like a cala - but Elder holds a grudge against me since I barked at him on your request.

On an Alexandrian E. Rev. leg. is TRICKAII (or H) the Nile recumbent crocodile - and youth (or Victory) issuing from cornucopiae, and holding wreath to Father Nile -

Does this refer to Nile overflowing its banks 3 times a year.

Very sorry I have been unable to gloat over coins in your charge in Mar. this year - had hoped to - but what would a rube do in your village?

Have you seen Kent's book (published in parts) on Copper coins. 17th 18th 19th cent tokens of England - its mighty hand.

Was over to Falls on Monday - brought back 1 1/4 lb of Yankee tobacco - I also downed some Germans (lager)

Now - be good -

Do you know whether John Dow is Wilson's coin agent?

Guess we'll not see any Eggs or Hoch plate calas for a time - I'm sorry for it - they certainly did get up deadly calas?

Yours faithfully,

S. S. Head.

Say, if does not take much to our pleasure to N.Y. N.C. according to report of its meeting in Sept. Numismatist -

September 21st, 1914.

Mr. S. S. Heal,
22 Larch Street,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Heal:-

Many thanks for your letter of the 16th.

Those pieces called the Sous Marque were made up to 1770, of course, the later years had no circulation in Canada.

I am glad to know your brother is as well as can be expected. Old age certainly brings on various ailments. I have a grandmother that is almost blind, and has a partial shock, so I know what it is.

Things look now as if the allies were going to win out. I certainly hope they will, but it is going to be no easy job. New York, despite its large Jewish and German population, is certainly anti-German, though, of course, the German element is pretty hard for Germany, though some of the South Germans have no use for Prussia and the Kaiser. That E. E. M. W. you saw mentioned in Soink is Mrs. Wood. The war has effected a great many lines of business in this country, as very little stuff is coming in, and many manufacturing plants are crippled for lack of material, others are curtailed because they cannot export anything.

I have been looking through some of the catalogues on Egyptian coins, but can not help you out on that legend. It occurs on a number of coins of the different Roman rulers.

Wilson sent John Dow down to New York to buy some coins at one of the sales, but our old friend got soured, and I don't think Wilson has used him since.

I couldn't get enough money for unheard of blacksmiths to make anything especially after paying you the commission you would want for marketing them. McLachlin has more time than I have, so it might pay him to make them.

Everything is going along fine.

I remain,

Very truly,

Sept 21. 1914

Wearis

Passe b hand

to day - unopened as yet.

I saw whole down town R of
Menelik (?) but have no idea
as to value slightly over
size of 1/2\$ -

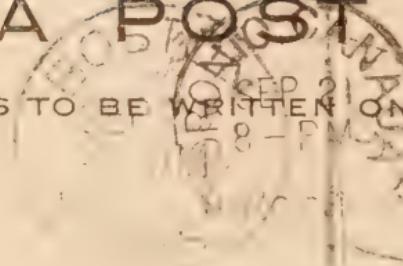
Fairly

mean

S - S. H.

CANADA POST CARD

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE



Mr Howland Wood
93. Ferry St.
Brookline
Mass

Feb. 11th 1915.

My dear Wood.

The near approach of St. Valentine's Day, reminds me that for some seventeen years, I have never forgotten you when sacrificing at the Altar of that Blessed Saint.

Your favour of the 21st ult. (all looks better than Sept-1) duly reached me and eased my anxious feelings on your behalf. Yes - the war is still rubbing along - and the dear Mater continues her work of knitting scarves - 2 yards long and 10 inches wide, for the soldiers. Another one finished this week - We have thousands of soldiers of the second contingent-in training at the large Exhibition grounds in this city - one of them got one of Mother's scarves and was so interested to hear that an old lady of nearly 90 years of age had knitted it, that he came here to thank her for it. It pleases her greatly.

Well - that big British Army will soon be at the front - and things will rush, and history be made in the next few months. I am still interested in things ~~not~~ numismatic - It recently struck me that over 30 Chaplains went from Canada with the first Contingent - but I had not heard of any real AI Coin crank having been given a position in any of our contingents.

I am at present bringing all the influence I can on our Gen. Hughes - the Minister of Militia to get myself appointed as the official Canadian numismatist - You see when the Allies march in triumph through Berlin - they will - if they follow the German Crown Prince's habits loot the Museums &c. and Canada - will if I am there - be able to get her share of the rare coins in the Berlin Mus.

What do you think of this scheme - dont mention it to the German members of the N.Y. Am. Weiner Club - I think its all right.

You spoke of a sketch your wife wrote for Spinks - By the Way have Spinks gone dead or Broke.

Speaking of Spinks - looking over some circulars recently I saw your name among the die cutters &c. in connection with your Elephant medal of my dear late Bro. Grey. You are reported in saying - of that medal "none were made in all."

Wood #2 Feb. 11th 1915.

I looked up an old letter of Freys - giving particulars of model, and he gives names of ten men who had a specimen - Where did the other four come from?

I got a double paisah of Mysore from some sale this winter I think from St. Louis at 160 or 180 I forget which - date on RY - John Dow has left - and I'm mourning quite a few \$ for coins doubtless in some Montreal collection!

Kiss it.

That legend on Roman Egyptian E. TPICKNH (or II) is indicative of the three fold blessings Egypt received from the Nile - dont forget that -

A friend of ours - a nurse - is in Montreal N.Y. finishing a graduation course as nurse at Harlem Hospital. She says its an awful place there - (Harlem) - Hospital full of gun cases - would be suicides - burglars - niggers - and dago's. Not even a decent Church she can go to on Sunday eve - If you had the auto you used to joy ride in in Boston - I'd ask you to run your wife around there to see a lonesome Australian - Scotch - Canadian nurse - so she might be directed to a decent Church. When I say "Church" - I mean what's called in U.S. a Prot. Episcopal. I finished my census of my coins last month - total 6400 got a few since then - gold - silver & cop. but I must save up my coppers or I'll never have money enough to get to N.Y. to see the nurse.

I went to town to N.Y. I want to see your Soc's coins - I want to see Baumer - I want to see Tommie - I want to see where N.Y. Na & W. Club hold their orgies - Shall I ever see it - who knows.

very truly
Uncle George.

22 Larch St.

Toronto. Ont.

Aug. 30^t 1915.

My dear Wood.

I was very pleasantly surprised this morning when our postman handed me your ~~#~~ book on "The Coinage of the West Indies". In fact I had two surprises - one in your kindness in sending me a copy - the other - in the intelligence of the postman in not folding it up in order to shove it through a 4 inch letter plate. He evidently remembers the quarter \$ - I bestowed on him some Christmas or two ago.

Now let it be clearly understood Wood - there is still truth in the words of Holy Writ. "Cast thy bread upon the water and thou shall find it after many days."

To continue speaking the truth, I had grudged and mourned, in fact - missed that 14 \$, for many long months, and now to that humble and well worn coin (twice our butcher had refused it) I owe the fact of having your work in perfect condition -

I'm blamed sure glad I tipped him so freely in the days of my glorious prosperity - It was worth doing - and as my dear friend Uncle George says - "anything worth doing - is worth doing well"

This seems to be your idea also - if I may judge from a hasty look over your work. True it suffers somewhat - from your not having consulted me during the work of preparation. I would gladly - if I had known it, have offered my stock of C.S.T. pes. for your examination - In fact - I would have done more - I would have got ~~out~~ my stamps and punches and have prepared some unknown combinations for you to hand down to an intelligent posterity.

Posterity - cannot help being intelligent when they have access to the works published in these days.

- Food #2.

I have had or seen - pecs stamped like you fig. 8. 16. 14. 18.
19. 34. 35. 40 (or 42). 44. 48. 59 a. '85 this I had two of -
struck on Conder tokens. 86 struck on coins of Hayti.

I had not imagined that such large issues of the Cacique 2 sou
were struck - still I can easily believe it as I have had some
few hundreds of thousands pass through my hands in the last
20 or 25 years. Still some of these were doubtless coming back
to me after journeying like the dove from Noah's ark - in search
of a resting place - and finding none - remembered my cabinets
and cigarbosces - opaque and restfull.

I looked to see if you had any thing to say of 4.5. cents - est-
should have imagined these would come in for some
mention - I've often wondered where they suffered.
The rubbing at extreme right is B. 1004-1815.

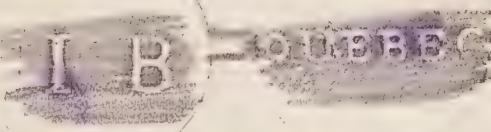
I have some place - in Eng. 1/2 = C.S.T. 1.B.

which Spinks - (our English Henry Chapman)
asks 20/- or 30/- for. No wonder Spink Jan. kept
away from Toronto when he visited this side of the pond.

But 1.B. does not always mean Jamaica - as this
rubbing proves.

flaw as far

The next rubbing



3

It seems to be on a plain
as I can see.

The Glorious 111 Vis.

is a c.s.t. on

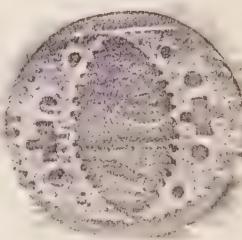
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Both 4 & 5 are on these glorious pes.

A c.s.t. that has long puzzled me is #6.
The letters R.K.L (or E) show to right, but what
does the plant or flower mean.

Then I have a U.S. cent - #7.

Something Spanish about this
but it's ~~too~~ 2 much for S.S.H.



4



5



6



7

8 and 9 show an Eagle - Rev.
in four lines -

ADMIN?

DROITS
REUNIS

Some day I mean to write Rud
Kohler or Ebenezer Beesley of the
N.Y. Num. Club - about this -



8



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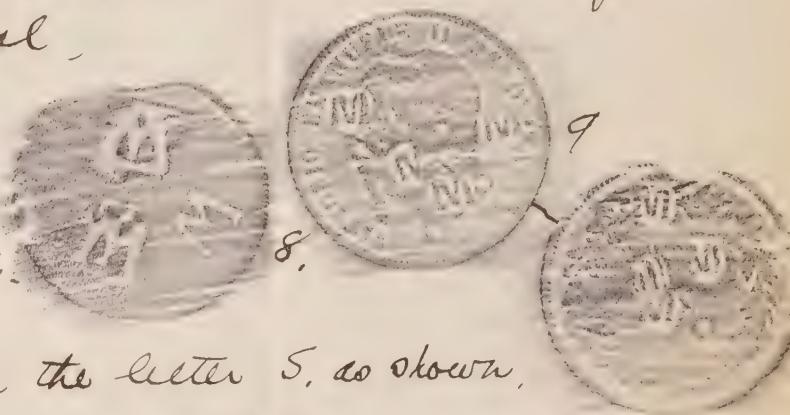
By the way - little Beesley is going some. I see he has exhibits at club meetings. What Eddie doesn't know. Kohler will perhaps be able to tell him - Eddie lived in Toronto you know - and my proud boast is that I - the humble & unknown S.S.H. induced him to join the C.N.A. Now - if Eddie had not joined the C.N.A. the N.Y. Club would never have known him - Clearly then the N.Y. C. should recognize the great work I have done and make some mention of it - perhaps even give me a medal.

But to return to my rubbings -

*# 8 - has M stamped three times on a Geo III. 1806-7 Eng. 1½ d.

*# 9. has MCS.T. 4 times - on each side.

These two Montreal?



10 & 11 have the letter S. as shown.
Saints?

12 has K



13 has C.R. I have
the same stamp on a
Zacatecas 14 R. 1857.



K K

14 is R.W. crowned on Irish token. St Patrick apos.
Now if you would like to see any or all of these
you can have them with pleasure.

What made Adams throw up his job with numismatist.

I don't see how Baffield can find time to run it, and attend
to his own work.

Glad to see Grey is still alive - but I must not take up
too much of your time today - Anyhow - let me again
thank you for your book - I shall go thoroughly through
it, and am sure it will be of great help. We have 3 vols
book in our Reference Library but I find it too much to go
there often. I have plenty of time - but the Mater is so sick just now
that most of the day time I am either in her room or the next.
Suppose you will not visit our exhibition here this week -
Meanwhile the war drags on -

Yours faithfully

S. S. Head.



14.

Oct. 1st 1915.

My dear Wood.

Your esteemed favor of the 8th left duly to hand. Your excuse for not consulting ~~the~~ me before launching your West India paper on an impatient world is worthy of little Beesley - but not of you.

A really generous nature - such as yours used to be in the days of yore - when you sat - a promising pupil at the number 6th of your brilliant Uncle Geo. should not be spoilt by suspicions as to the purity of purpose in my mind in seeking to throw light on the dark numismatic bypaths you were almost lost in. Shall I easily forget the great benefit and help I gave you when you were wrestling like a hinderberg - or a Kaiser billette with the brawny blacksmiths of Canada. I have never regretted the help I freely proffered on that occasion and which you took such generous advantage of - not even when I sold that remarkable blacksmith Wood 39. for 25⁰⁰ hard cash.

John Dow - the fortunate purchaser, acting for another - asked me for a written guarantee that it was a genuine blacksmith but I quoted your paper and the hand made illustration - and said no guarantee beyond that was needed. It was this \$39 - that caused Papa McLachlan to declare, "Dow told me - that Wood, Dow & Neal were in a conspiracy to foist these rare tokens on an innocent public - Still it will ever be a pleasure for me to reflect - that I was able to rally to your support - and aid you - however humbly in your work and labor of love." For the love of Mike - dont congratulate Ebbie so knowing me. He is in the numismatic spotlight at present, and outgrown his humble Toronto days.

I have no doubt that Ebbie is in his proper element among the dubs that seem to be in the majority in the N.Y.N. Club. What a gain I would be for it, and the A.N.S. to number a few real collectors among their members. Outside yourself I should imagine that lady member who writes on Ptolemaic E. was one of the very few who knew anything worth speaking of about Coins -

It's a pity that your friend Ramsden died - he was doing good work and will be greatly missed - I suppose he was the greatest living authority on the coins of the Far East.

I have two reasons for writing you just now. First, I owe you an apology for my former remarks on Frey's medal. I was sorry directly I posted that letter. Frey told me when he sent me a brass one, that he had sent one each to - or rather that the following had it.

Frey. Wood. Forrer. Higgins. Marcuson. Heath. Vreeland. Imhoff. Wright and Neal.

That would seem there were 10 made. but he said nothing about different issues or metals - I still have mine - but I never sell anything given me that way. The second reason for writing you - is to free you from the haunting fear of my dropping in on you for your Shaw room. I'm poor, Wood. but I think a damned sight too much of myself - to plant my great bulk of body in some one else's house. If there are no rooms vacant in N.Y. hotels - I'll sleep in the Park.

There are several other places I would rather visit than N.Y. I know no one there - or shall not after the end of the year, who I particularly wish to see. It would be all right to drop in to your Mus. and look at your coins, but outside of you and Frey - there isn't a man interested in coins I'd give a kiss to see. Steer clear of collectors if I can. the more I see of them the less I want to meet. I have one or two - perhaps half a dozen ancient I'd like to place. but I suppose the Brit. Mus. is the only place I could get help from.

The Allies seem to be picking up a bit at present, hope it will continue till those damned yellow german dogs are soundly whipped - the dirty swine - Why a Chink or a Jew is ahead of them -

E.



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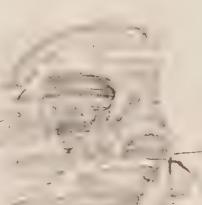
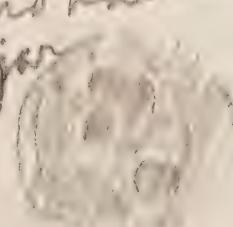
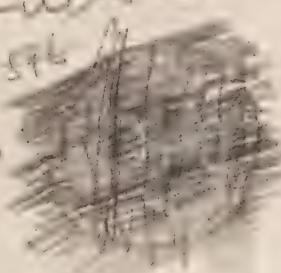
In field - to left - front of standing figure.

Veiled female head on Obv. Knot of hair outside veil -

Senel Zenges

Kutb - cd din (probable)
shoulder & Simjan

bm 51
1200



E.

Bareheaded warrior,
lance - or weapon with
knot on end over right
shoulder. bearing shield

Characters - Obv & R. similar
(seem to me) to coins of Mardin -



Now, for the love of Mike - dont swear. I know these are not Canadian blacksmiths - but I'd like to know what they are. The top one especially - It's got me guessing - and theres not one chance in 500 you know or can find out. Characters on top one are a puzzle. I think the figure is meant for Aesculapius. Meanwhile Nephew - our lady have you in her keeping -

Idiomatic yours
S. S. Hedf.

Oct. 21st 1915:

Trafalgar Day.

my dear Wood

One hundred years ago or so - the blooming Britishers could win battles - and when they have muddled along for another year or two, they will set seriously to work and get busy. In justice to John Bull Esq. we must remember he is at the present paying for some 8 million soldiers. The old Huss is practically keeping 4 " " of his allies - and not far short of 4 " " of his own.

This vast number of men cost some cash. If I had it - the cash - I could buy more cows than you and Beesley have together. Do you know - the City of Toronto is paying insurance premiums on over 19000 men who have joined the colors for overseas service. All of them residents of this city -

* There have been from 8000 to 15000 men training at Niagara all this summer - as one battalion slips away for overseas service - and quite a few " " have left this summer. During the winter we well have fully 12000 men in training for overseas service in this city alone. And by a new law all the hotels bars will close at 8 P.M. every night except Sat. when they close at 7 P.M. Every liquor store - liquor cannot be consumed on the premises in a store, closes at 7 P.M. And both hotels and liquor stores are closed all day on Sunday. This is as it should be - it gives a man time to go to church - and look over his coins on that day.

Another takes it's place in camp. I have a nephew at the Dardanelles. He is from Australia - where you know military training is compulsory. He is not 22 yet - but is a tall husky kid. Is a sergeant - would be a Lieutenant only in Australia one must be 23 years of age to have that rank. I have a cousin - that is he is the son of a cousin in this city, who is a lieutenant - and expects to leave here every day, and his brother is in training at the officers training camp. Only wish I was younger so I could go -

Very few homes in Toronto - but have some relative on the active force - either training here or in England, or at the front. Quite a few have returned wounded and incapable of further service - and its only started yet - the home ward ebb I mean.

I am greatly obliged to you for your attribution of those two coins - I should have known the Marathas piece as I had one a few years ago - but a man took it away from me and as it was only in poor, or fair, condition I let it go. I went to his place the other night and took a rubbing of it which I will enclose for you to see the difference - The head is in better style and the old joker on rev. is leaning against a column. On the one I have here now it looks more like a staff or a club than a column - but this is poorer work. The characters on rev. are the same on both.

Kuth-ed-din Mohammed had some class to him.

I'll enclose a couple of Chink rubbings to see if you can tell me who is responsible for them - you can have the pair as a gift if they any use to you.

By the way - I mentioned your West Indies paper to J. F. Jones. Jamestown. N.Y. (Box 35) and he wants to know if he can buy one. Tell me price if you don't care to tackle him - and I'll pass it on to him -

What's wrong with T. Elder and the balance of Moritz collection - have they parted company - I was in hopes of being able to have another crack at some of Moritz's coins - but it seems as if Tom was not going to offer them - There must be sleeves of them left yet somewhere.

The A.N.A. seems to be on the downward grade - no new members these days - I think Daffield is doing very well though so far - but he'll have a time to please every body - That was a fool thing holding convention at Frisco - doomed to be a fizzie.

It seems a long time since there was a sale with any decent stuff in it - I like to see a real collection offered that some real collector gathered together - then one has a ghost of

a chance to pick up something worth picking up, but when a sale contains nothing but selections from N.Y. dealers stocks - they're just Hell!

Is there any retail dealer in N.Y. who handles Canadians - or ancient coins - Lord how I'd like to pick up a lot of 200 or 300 Ships Col. & Corn, like we picked up in that sale of Adams - stuff Fink sent him to sell - You and I got most of them between us.

Do you see any intelligent blacksmiths in N.Y. or are you too classy for those simple pleasures these days -

Say - does the \$5.00 membership fee in you A.N.S. include your yearly vol. and the Numismatist - and do you keep a Reg on draft at Broadway & 156th St. I have a very modest well behaved thirst - though I smoke five cigarettes to Freys one.

Is Frey collecting anything these days. and does Wright do anything in coins -

I have just noticed in tonights paper that 32648 men have enlisted in Toronto so far. that's a good number for a city of this size - and about 20000 are insured for \$1000.00 each by the city. That means that Toronto has contributed nearly $\frac{1}{3}$ of the men raised for overseas service in Canada.

If the leaders of both political parties in England could only forget their party differences for a time and stick right to pure business - the war would be finished in no time. Trouble is neither political party has a leader worthy of the name - no one real strong man outside Lloyd George on either side - Asquith, Balfour & Bonar Law are old women and if things don't take a turn soon - we'll have to go over and run things. The lane may be long but it has an end. Recently I was in a friends store one night and two recruits came in to buy a drill book. They were lumber jacks from up north as they shovelled

the books in their pockets - one said to the other.
"I'm going straight back to my room, and I'll
read that there book through before I go to sleep.
And - God help those damned Germans when
I meet them."

That's no tale - I heard it - and husky lumber
jacks from the northern woods will be mighty
dangerous if they get into hand to hand
scrapping -

Faithfully
S. S. Neal

May 29th 1916.

Dear Mr Wood.

My mother's 91st birthday, a few days ago - reminded me of your own. Knowing how you appreciate friendly good wishes on these historic days, I venture to send you my hearty Congratulations at having arrived at another mile stone on your path to glory and the Tomb.

Accept therefore my dear Mr Wood - my most sincere good wishes for the few remaining years left to you - May your path be strewn with roses and rich Oriental gems and all troubles flee from you.

May you long continue to be a Guide and Mentor to those fortunate enough to enjoy your esteemed friendship and company.

This - dear Sir - is the sincere wish of yours faithfully
S. S. Steal.

P.S. Fearing that in my last appeal to you I was too gay - or flippant, I have tried — hard to avoid any such error in this — So kindly accept my heartfelt apologies for past errors and

many Happy Returns
Of The Day.

S.S.H.

June 22 1916.

My dear Wood.

Your letter filled with the spirit of Bunker Hill has duly delighted my heart. I have never read the history of that historic scrap, but presume those who engaged in it were nearly as obstinate as ourselves, and that says volumes for their cussedness.

Do you know I have today the greatest sympathy with the U.S. practically all my correspondents are Americans, and I like them first rate. I like the native born American of British descent, but think very little of the Jewish or go Polack worse than seem destined to be the curse of the U.S. Two great dangers confront your country - the foreign element and Germany - some day Germany will take issue with the U.S. on some South American question - in which case I am in fullest sympathy with the U.S. The foreign element however I regard as the greatest danger of the two, why we should invite the scum of Europe to our shores lets over me, and they see no good to either the US or Canada.

Wright says Schenectady is cursed with the scum of Europe, and seems disgusted with it. as to making explanations with ill grace. I dare say I was as bad or worse than you at the same age. (what age are you) but today I think I can make an apology without breaking my face over it.

Many of my strong remarks (uncalled for you may think) are only in a joke. for instance my remark about your return and being able to wear a smaller sized hat was only a dig at you. don't think I meant anything by it. You have never shown me a swollen head.

I must confess I love the Spring time - and I love my home, but I am not a representative Englishman. From the years of 11 'till 19, I lived in Toronto - and from 28 to the present day have lived here also - and I cannot get on at all well with really real Englishmen who have just come out - they make me sick - I have practically lived 26 years in Toronto - and 8 in England.

My life up to the age of 11 is practically a blank - I remember very little of it. the break in it and fresh scenes caused me to forget my early childhood -

This is rather rambling -

Regarding Comoro Island coin - what the devil makes it worth 50¢? I presume its modern - if it is a legitimate coin and modern I cannot be so rare as to be worth 50¢ - if its only a speculative issue, 5¢ is its almost value - Theres enough blamed foolish business of that kind among the stamp collectors - let us try to keep coins free from it -

Regarding Muscat - you remember when Howorth & Jones wrote up Supplement to Scotts Copper Coins for Numismatist I supplied Jones with the Muscat & Jahore pes they got the cabs from - last year Baldwin sent me a doz of Muscats - including the one you call "rare" and Jahores and 1 Pice - (Africa) with Queens head on - all at I think 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ each - I dont care a cuss for those modern coins -

5 or 10¢ is enough for them -

If fancy I have a Los Palmas among my cat. somewhere the 1320 - Janiers are new to me -

Mind the Mule Gibbs 11.- & 25: is a fact - I can vouch for it - I have hunted high & low but cannot get one for myself - perhaps there may be one in hows sale of today - I bid $2\frac{3}{4}$ on first lot and $2\frac{1}{4}$ on the second - if you or Coarceau don't raise me, guess they're mine - I don't think Gibbs will plunge on them - What do you want for all the Gibbs 19 you have.

Got a letter from "Sincerely your friend G. C. A" "yesterday" telling me of forthcoming sale of Chinese coins belonging to

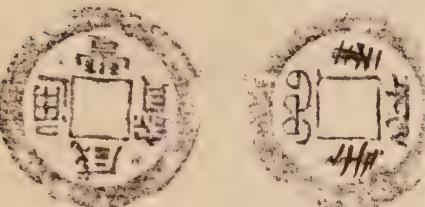
 t t what the world does that stand for?
 over 1000 pes he says, dating from
 1200 B.C. what kind of coins had the
Chinks at that period - razor money te?

I find it best of wisest plan to live at peace with all Cataloguers - even G. C. A - but I do not sign myself "Sincerely your friend" when writing to him - G. C. has a long knife out though for some celebrated numismatists -

June 20 If you get a copy of this catalogue I will ask you if there are any interesting and cheap lots. I have kept one of each var of Cash you sent

me, and I have 10 or 12 of the most interesting of the larger pieces that I have had come into my hands. I want to get hold of some of the higher value pieces - 100. 500 and 1000 cash - about 4.6. g.
I got a letter from Wright yesterday - and he says speaking of Adams - "Collectors have done with him" as far as sending him coins to sell - yet his circular letter re July sale says that Daniel Howarth has catalogued these Chinese - and Howarth stands very high in England - Jones (Jamestown) has sent me his dupps from H. P. Smith sale. 1 macata - 1880 red - some others (Anglo) some French & Russian (red). and 7 = 2 nd EC 75 #61 a fine back of Marinianae - why Jones showed this fair one in gets over me - I reckon it worth 100

Speaking of Romans & Greeks - cuss you Wood - it went against the grain to send you back 6 or 7 of yours - the one with 3 wheat grains on R/-, another with sort of a box or basket - and the small Augustus - here I'll say - your *Jadis bona* belongs (I think) to Damascus. Spinks rate it at 8/- mod-


he sent this in iron. I know its modern - but why is it in iron?
St Louis Ellis - sends those Chinese custom House - cheap - are they OK. (18th) Burton got 4 of them - var - but St Louis did not send me a list - (reduction sale) and I missed seeing B. or I'd have asked him to get me one or two - You say Comora is worth 50/- may I ask you what that Pekin Post Thow is worth - should be worth 10⁰⁰ I should say.

Scott doubtful 61 - I have 7 distinct vars of this - 7 if not 8 - will send you rubbings - cuss it, I can't get rubbings to show.

I'll run over to Queenstown & see the sham fight - round Brock's monument - 7000 troops take part - Most this either there or Lewiston

Faithfully S. S. Head

April 13th, 1920.

Mr. S. S. Heal,
22 Larch Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Heal:-

As the years go by we somehow write to one another less and less, but as each spring comes along I have always in mind to drop you a line. Not having heard anything to the contrary, I suppose and trust that your mother is still living, and if so I hope she is enjoying as good health as can be expected. It is about this time of year, as I remember, that she has another birthday, and if I may I wish her and you all the pleasures and happiness of the season.

I am leaving for England on April 24th, and will be there all summer. I expect to spend most of my time in study, but have no great expectation of buying very much stuff. Johnson, of the St. Louis Stamp and Coin Company, has just come back having bought forty thousand dollars' worth of stuff there. This is his second trip within a year, and I guess has pretty well cleaned out the market.

Trusting all is well with you, I remain,

Yours very truly,

22 Hard Rd.
Toronto, Ont.
April 15th 1920

My dear Fred.

I have yours of the 13th and thank you for your kind enquiries about the Mater. The dear old Mater passed away March 23rd last year, and though over a year has passed away since then - I seem to miss her more than ever every day. She would have been 94 had she lived two months more - but her time had come.

She was only kept in bed four days - a slight cold, and the Dr. thought it safer to stay there a few days - but all through the winter - till drawing to a close - She had been very frail - and insisted that it was only myself keeping her alive through will power. She told visitors "it is only my son keeping me here - but he'll have to let me go soon". I got her down stairs from days running some week or so before she went - and gave her her tea there. She was mighty pleased to be down again after the long winter - and the first of the four times, my Sister being out - I covered her down and we had tea together in the front room. "That Jessie be surprised to see me down here when she comes in" she said, and her glee at - my sisters surprise - was great.

The day she passed - a Sunday - one of our City regiments was returning from the war (Portuguese having very kindly won the war, there was nothing left for our boys to do ~~in~~ but to return home) and I was telling Mother that at that time (10-11 AM) the soldiers were marching through the city streets to the Union Station. She said - "I am glad of, dear dad - it's such a bright fine day for the poor fellows". She was sitting up in bed at the time - I - perched on the end of her back holding her in my arms. She talked brightly about some friends (soldiers) mentioning their names and asked if they were among the men returning that morning.

He turned her face around to me - and kissing me said - "It's no use, my dear - you must not keep mother here any longer - you must let me go home to God - I must go" - and then "Now let me lie down and I'll have a dose" - and I let her down - and sat by her side looking at a paper. about fifteen minutes later

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she half raised herself up in the bed and I went over her and put my arms around her - Her lips began to twitch - called to my sister in another room - and tried to give her a little spirit - She shook her head - said - "Oh what shall I do" and was gone in a minute -

She felt very deeply - the death of her sister in law - the widow of her brother - who died about a year previous - (in Toronto) It was strange to hear these two old dears who had gone to school together in the same little village in Cornwall - exchange memories as to happenings of over eighty years before.

The Rev. was buried on the 25th - (The Assumption of the Virgin) The service was taken by (at her own request) by the Rector of St. Georges, who had buried her husband 20 years before - and who constantly visited her - The last time he visited her - before he left - he blessed her - placing his hands on her head as she sat in her chair -

He said to me afterwards - "My dear - I could not bear all this noise said - but while he was speaking - and when he placed his hands on my head I felt it go all through my body -

tingling & warming me - I knew he was blessing me -

It being - the day of funeral - the Assumption - the Rector after saying Mass in the morning - brought large lilies that had adorned the Altar - and laid them two on each side - on her bier and she was buried with them -

I'll venture - as this is private - to give you some lines that came into my head the same day - after the burial -

With the lilies on her bosom

Her mother is at rest

With four lilies of the Virgin

On her breast -

Jesus - Lord of life and of love

Blessed Mary's soon

You isn't angel the fight with Death
And killing man

Rich - We keep our thoughts from

safte from every harm

part in Peace and light Repeleish
on these Arms.

A man may lose his wife - but it's mighty hard to lose a mother when you've had her so long. By the time she died 20 or 30 years ago - other interests might have taken her place - but as it is I feel stranded - Her skin - face - was as soft as a child's - and unwrinkled - Poor old Mam.

Please excuse rambling on at this length - but I know you were interested in her!

There's no one mate like Nell. Since Nell offered the monthly on the Alter of Mammon - my poor son has had a rest - rightfully, or wrongly - I think the monthly was a help to many - the Mormons - really & truly must turn up their nose at it - but in my own way - I did as much for the younger apprentices as they do - In my Uncle George's - The Question Box - with the editor - and assigned papers, I tried to help those who needed help - But more dollars were to be made out of oil stocks than weekly out of the monthly - indirectly - if there's a valuable asset to Nell - and it was his own fault he didn't make better use of it - However to send now.

I wish it were possible for me to dash in and look over a few of your A.N.S. coins - and get your help on a few puzzling share - I hope you will have a pleasant time in England - remember this real real English numismatist is reserved - Don't expect them to speak - and don't talk German to them - It is a funny thing - I can't understand it - If I wished to join the A.N.S. or B.N.S. they would not admit me because I'm not wealthy enough. My venerable fore fathers (some of them) sat in the Brit. Parl. centuries ago - but that doesn't count -

If I wanted to join the N.Y.N.C. or the A.N.S. Tommy - they'd tell me we're fits - meanwhile I have about 5000 coins to offer & help scores bright -

With best wishes for a pleasant trip -

Yours faithfully,

S. S. Heck.

P.S. I appreciate the fact - you're a busy man - and have a lot to do before you leave - and if you're pleased - will pardon you not answering this -

S. HEAL
Larch St.
TORONTO



April 19th 1920

My dear Wood.

Many thanks for your very kind letter which I greatly appreciate - more fully than I can tell you.

As I told you the matter passed away on March 22nd last. It was a very strange thing. I do not care for to explain it - but on the morning of Mar 22nd last - I was fully awake in bed - just thinking of getting up (now - I was awake) and I heard her voice - or it seemed to me she did. I said -

"Do you know my dear that it is my birthday tomorrow?"

That was all -

I am no Oliver Lodge - or I do not tell you what he meant. Life itself is a mystery - so is death. I am no devotee of the ouija board - and take no stock in mediums - but I will tell you my own death - but I look upon it with very different views to what I did before she went.

She is a good woman - a dear old soul - and when I go - I now look upon it as simply going where she is.

It is the fashion to day - to scoff at the hereafter - I cannot tell you any more than you know about it - none can speak with authority - Darwin said that he knew nothing about the future state - that each must choose between vague conflicting probabilities - but I believe firmly there is such a state. I do not believe the departed are conscious. Your doing here - but I see no reason (though I cannot explain it)

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why - under certain circumstances those departed from this world should not be able to send a thought, or a message to those they love who remain here. I am not morbid - and with her frail earthly body - life was no great pleasure to her here. She is better where she is.

This is only to thank you for your letter - and to wish you a pleasant voyage - and visit in the Old Country -

I may send you - if you would allow me - a few puzzlers when you get to Eng. to see if they can be attributed -

If in your trips to Speaks - you pick up any Blacksmiths or any obscure Canadians I might be able to place them for you - if you did not wish to figure in their disposal yourself.

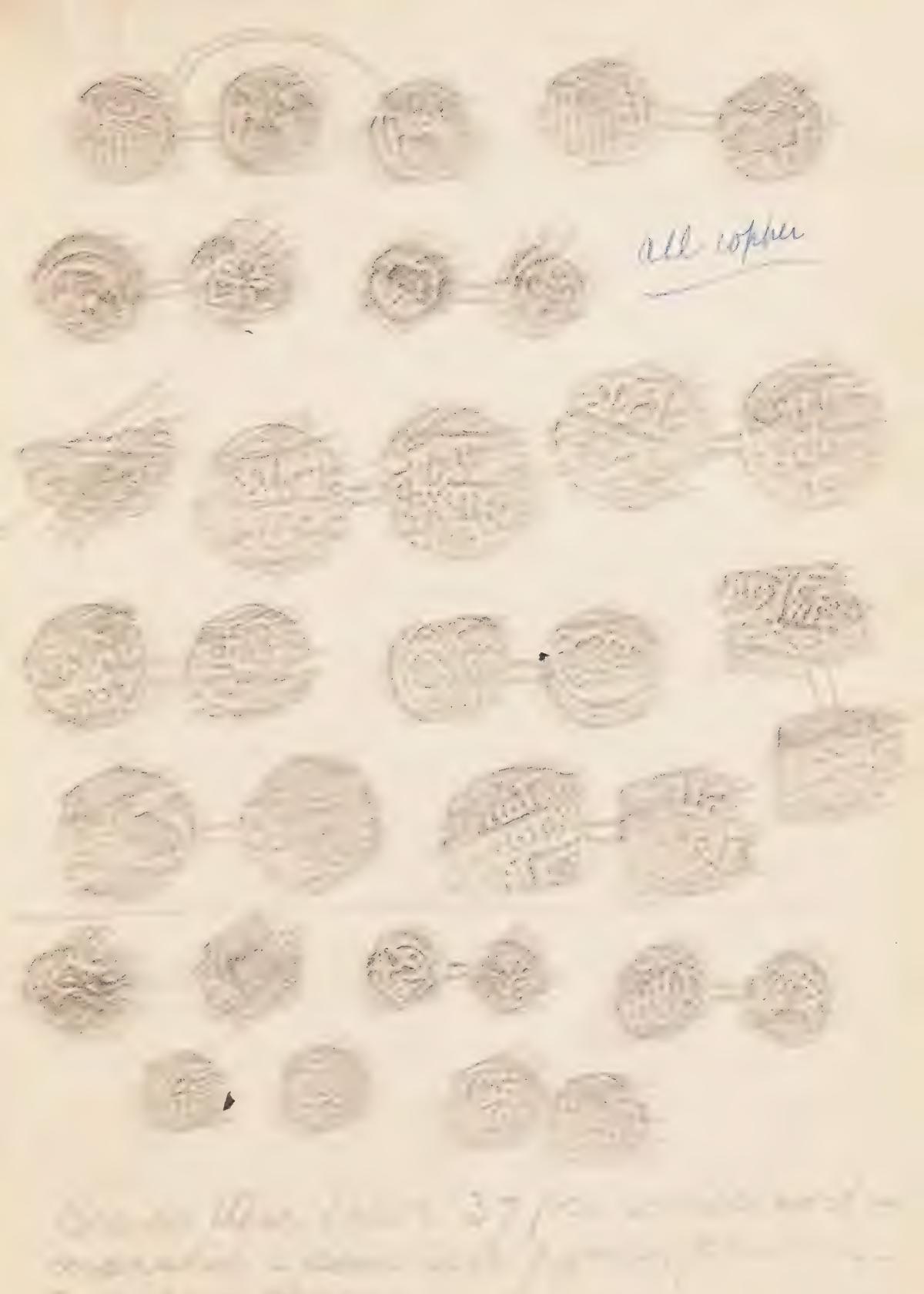
I will write you to your "Lunnon" address before very long.

Give my love to Balsam - It must be nearly 20 years (more) than that since I first sent a parcel from him -

Don't attempt to answer this -

With all good wishes & many thanks for your letter. Yours faithfully

S. S. Head



The above line - some of them were too much for you
years ago when you lived in Brookline.

22 March St.
Toronto.
(Gods Country)
May 3rd 1920.

My dear Wood.

Some two weeks ago I wrote a few lines to you - but at the last moment decided not to ~~send~~ it in case you had left for Boston to say and bye.

Long ere you get this - you will have bearded the lions in their den at the B.M. and I hope by this time they will have calmed down somewhat, and have adopted you into their tribe.

The Britishers are really very decent when you get to know them - apt to be reserved and themselves rather ~~aristocratically~~ - but wins bring all men together - one himself holds on Olympus and I suppose Spunk at Piccadilly does the same at times.

I suppose you are going to help Valentine tackle the ~~can~~ series - but I think I read he was only going to tackle wins issued during the last 500 years or so. It struck me however that you might be going to write up some of the ps. I sent you years ago when you were in Brookline. Perhaps some of the ps. I have written may come in the series you are looking up. I am not sending the rubbings to bother you to heat up simply to tell me what they are - but if any of them interest you I would send them for sight.

In looking over odd lots here, I have sometimes been struck with the fact that among some hundreds of prints I have run across something new to me. Possibly - some one piece I have might be new to you also. If so you have only to mention it - and we can never fail to describe - so long as my name does not figure in it.

What a relief it will be to you to be able to get a real, good drink without breaking the law. Wish I could! Remember - if you and your confere get out of your depths, ~~at~~ you have only to send a S.O.S. call

to me and cable funds and I will start to you
rescue.

I certainly would like to knock about the country
for a few weeks, and see a few good shows. When
I lived there I used to take in the Chambers some
times - they used to have some Andy Bellots there,
and the Ward - Steel St., and Davis, etc. Well, shall
I ever come there again?

Believe me Howland after a few months' time
I know your pre-visit views of England will
be quite changed.

I can't take a trip over myself, but the 1st
of Oct. visit till the Chamber sales and the H.C. of
have a turn over.

If you see a couple of hundred good coins that
want a good home - pick them up and send to
me and I'll borrow the cash to pay for them.
I have sold over 600[£] worth of coins this year
not so bad for me. and the selling price averaged
16³/₄ each. And yet you said Canada was 'in' had
no speculative value. I had a crack at you over
that - but I cracked fair - I could have hit you hard
& I betrayed your confidence - but I believe in being
fair -

It is May - but quite cool - I blame it all on to your
Wilson, and the U.S. note who refused to stamp the
League of Nations S.C.

I will hear money on you - and close - and unsecond
right promise not to send you my puzzlers mentioned
in earlier letter. But if any of the coins rubbed an
interest to you let me know -

With best wishes Yours faithfully

S. S. Head,

March 8th, 1921

J. S. Heal, Esq.
22 Larch Street
Toronto, Ontario, Can.

Dear Mr. Heal:

Can you tell me anything about the medallist of which I am enclosing a rubbing? It is in nickel or German silver, and I should judge the Canadian by the crest on the back.

Very truly yours,

Curator

M/E
L.M.C.

March 1st 1881



My dear Fred.

I am yours etc., & will

be soon writing you again. All is well
with the Canadian -

I have just written on to a Montreal man and
asked him to report whether anyone there knows
whether I will arrive you when I get to Quebec.

Yesterday received \$5 Check & one bill
and also a bill for packing powder.

Very short. We have no money now plainly,
but hardly strong enough to be packing.
We suppose the estimated sum of \$100-a-lions
will be sufficient to meet our bills,
but we get along just as well. At night when
it is cold we sit by the fire and the children come
to us and say "It's cold outside!" And we
say "Don't be afraid of the cold, we have the fire".

Now - here at one of our fires - at this time
of day - there is a woman who is selling
a collection of old and very fine books.
They are all the old books we used to buy, & this
is the first time I have seen them since
I left home. They are old and well bound.

123-4, Paddington - and will come
to call to day or night if you like.
I don't know our Curator - you will be
fancied a wealthy Society behind you - but
a hundred and one - Poverty is to the
small collectors - There are times that
I actually fear I shall have to look out
for a job - especially as I cannot sell a
blow's full to save my life - everyone
here with only blacks. - & ships - which
like that.

I will return any information I get off you
telling - the world I mean -

Yours faithfully

S. S. West

I got 3-4s of Boston last week from
Sparks - new book

magnificent article
which I much
admire about it
will show the N.Y.







My dear friend.

22 March 46.
Toronto, Ont.
March 5 1851.

I have had two letters from Montreal's
in answer to my question, regarding the letter you
sent me subjoining ^{Yours} -

Several others have been forwarded and
none have anything of the price in question -

It may belong either to the owner's book or that
of a bookseller - but as no one seems to know it is hard
to ascertain -

Thank you very much indeed - that is more
powerful than letters to you before & I expect nothing
else will suffice such a small thing -

We would have given you much more, enough to follow
you without my adding to your worries - too
far gone all about it -

They don't yet get any information for you
about that letter - I may addle another - and if
you can't manage to send to a place over there
they made a bid! upon a public auctioneer's offer
of it by day when factors figure on the day -

Yours faithfully

J. S. Steele,

March 17th, 1921

H. S. Neal, Esq.
22 Larch Street
Toronto, Canada

Dear Neal:

Many thanks for trying to find out about the rubbing; I want you. I hope your Montreal correspondent will succeed in placing it, as I really think it is Canadian.

The Alexander coin of which you sent a rubbing, was struck at Ly-siaschia, sometimes known as Cardia, about 36 B.C. The symbols on it are magistrator symbols, and have nothing to do with the Jews or a place locality. This coin is not worth over three to five shillings.

Very truly yours,

Operator

H.S./E

22 Larch St.
Toronto, Ont.

Toronto, Ont.

May 23rd 1921

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I have done what I could to follow this close up - and without very
great success. To do what I like, it would allow me to add
your drawing to the portfolio with which I have contradicted somewhat
what you said respecting the site this dragon was struck.
I am convinced the symbols - as you said, have nothing to do with the
years - but I took the date of striking back you give as not wrong.
You will agree with my presumption but think for a moment
unlike yourself I have not a whole numismatic library to refer to,
but only a few - very few - books and plate collections.
You further had a plate copy of the Poggio collection catalog - if
you will turn to plate xxxviii of this cat. No 1160 shows a bust
of Minerva - the other of which is of course similar except by rotation.
This would almost render the same dragon as preferable for his
date and the rest. Your date however is the most probable.
The pl. - On the same pl. are shown two Tetras. of
the 15th cent. of their sides being crossed and the heads with
short manes which (lion's head) is on one side. Nos. 1168-1169.
These two tetras - and the dragon, bear the name and title of hyacinthus.

These two titles - and the dragon, bear the name and title of hyper-archer,
My dragon, that of slayer.

The wife and most members of the family are very quiet and sedentary.
They have all struck at about the same period. The first attack
was in 1866 with 35-37 lbs weight of determinate bone.
This probably the same period & the reason I asked of you my weight is
of the same causal etiology and experienced nervous attacks. There are but
two feelings which I can trust to go with me the others being well.

quite a few others.

The Rev. A. D. Harris, in "Common Greek Coins" Vol. I, 1907, says on pg. 119. "The Coinage of Alexander the Great, symbols without letters -"

"Other symbols represented badges, not of the moneys but of the rulers, as the Anchor of Seleucos, and the bow of Hyparnax."

If Harris is correct - and he seems to have studied this series, my drachm belongs to Muller's Class IV. B.C. 323 - 260. and has been struck by authority of Hyparnax B.C. 323 - 300.
But if struck as you say - Heraklides, Demetrios, Nikator, etc., the dates cannot all be wrong.

One word in conclusion - I should not have bothered you on this point - a very trifling one to you - but for having met you and corresponded with you for some time. I know that this is part, and that if given me no licence to throw Babylonian bricks, or money-bouquets at you and I am getting old every year, and less inclined to write letters. My only excuse is a really taken interest in my coins - and look upon them as personal friends. I like to find out all I possibly can about each one. I bought my few Drachms for my own pleasure - not to sell again. I took only a few - about 125 R. and I have studied that drachm. It is a small matter - not worth your wasting time over - but to me it would worth looking into - whether struck B.C. 35, or nearly 300 years before.

I may have proved to your perfect satisfaction, that little I know of this series - but, believe me - I have not tried to send off & you. I regret that I have been unable to find out anything about that - because (?) unless you send me nothing of.

Yours faithfully

E. E. Harkness

May 27th, 1921

Mr. A. F. Mal
22 Larch Street
Toronto, Ontario

My dear friend:

It certainly was a rough deal to put over on you! I still wonder at the tremendous amount of brain trouble you suffered from the error of the omission of a zero caused you. The wear and tear on your eyes and the concentration of your mind which made more difficult in the elaboration of a fresh coin caused you to fill up your notebook with blots. In other words, in the excitement, to write up figures too fast motion when it came to writing down the 3 units. In other words, it should have been about 305 B.C. Think of the dynamics in history you would make you suspicious near this blamable error if you had only had the information and up to then none some real corroborative work.

I think the rest of the note on this coin is correct as Powell gave it to me, and would be considered by the experts, scholars and students of the like as the final authority on those coins.

I suppose 'Uncle George' will now take the matter in hand, since Phil's suggestion has waited so long, so I do not imagine where 'Uncle George' can break into print.

Very truly yours,

Curator

W. G.

22 Larch St.
Toronto, Ont.
May 30th 1921

My dear Wood.

Sorry for yours of the 27th, your frank admission of a simple little man in the sets you give the machine, & more simple than that - will you admissions preclude the restlessness of your mind which you so persistently conceal from your glowing disciples.

I do not think the reply will go farther - but instead of saying if so you expect, you had better reply it with it myself & what I feel - was far stronger than mine.

Were you surprised to find out the imagination and plot "is" some real long-haul work? Imagination and plot can't be the chief requisites in story for the world - still some slight knowledge of the latter might not be bad.

I am sorry I am writing to you for the late - about 01.35 you wrote back to me to say you were probably present when the author was attacked - having you pass the buck to Newell - and mention the high tension in which the young gentleman is held by the committee, who has got him "of the Old Guard."

Even the General I do not feel like simple little men's at times - as don't be too much in trouble - I suppose you have trouble in my office - and remember the same to be true the other day - it is possible he too might have made a simple mistake.

In the introduction you say - "poetry is a fine field - unless he is a bit of a cynic" - this may make sense, however simple.

Admittedly though - I have the C. place you are "not" mentioning as the most work yet's been, on this continent - shows more imagination than actual knowledge, but however in this there's few to do. Don't feel at all error Wood, of thinking that men who do no original work - who are quite up to date papers on the Eagle date of 1857 or 1860 they often go by hand in that - good nothing about the time they work. Some have put more into the work, but not as you seem to do it - 1860, possible to do not acquire as great knowledge as you possess - their imagination being more limited & with less with their writing knowledge. Even if they do not possess a Chesterton book - of which you write with such deep respect.

In conclusion let me say, there was nothing in my last to you to call for the files with which you began and finished yours. I expect we're taking you over, making her the best, & that time a little of a reprieve.

Yours faithfully,

22 Larch St.
Toronto. 2.
March 1st 1926.

My dear Wood.

I was somewhat surprised to receive a letter from you last week - and though pleased to hear from you again after a silence of several years - was very sorry to hear the news of Grey's death - One by one - the old guard are passing west - who will be the next? One of my treasures is an alleged "pome" in Grey's handwriting - as follows:-

So prolific is our pen
you'd think there are a score of us,
But on the words of gentlemen,
There are only four of us.

We'll make you laugh, we'll make you weep,
Then what can you want more of us?
You can't do better than to keep
This little "pome" by four of us.

A.R. Grey

B.P. Wright
Howland and Wood
Geo. T. Heath

The envelope is postdated - "Columbus. Ohio. Sep. 4. 9³⁰ P.M. 1907." Well Howland = you're NEXT!

But may it be many years before that day comes.
Poor old Grey - he certainly was a good old scout - and I shall never forget him - from him and you I certainly derived great help from the light that you poured on my great ignorance - You two were the first real collectors - outside of Jones, that I got in touch with - and for years your letters were the most treasured and most regular ones I received.

I have quite a few of Tony's and your old letters - but some years ago I went over them - picked out the best - and destroyed the greater part.

They and you were both bitten by the bug of publicity - He wrote to me with considerable frankness - and his chief desire seemed to be to be received into the R.N.S. of London - and to be acknowledged by Forrer and other high brow numismatists over there, as one of the Inner Circle -

Why you both wanted to sit in the front row was always a puzzle to me -

I never worried about Forrer, or the English or European experts, Who in Hades is Forrer that I should care one dam about his opinion?

Reading between the lines of your letter - I read a half confession that you derived greater pleasure from your studies of coins in those days - and your old time correspondence than you have to day -

I fully realise that you have not the time to spare today - that you had when you lived in Brookline - but I'm really sorry for you - you have no one now that you can really talk coins to as you had there -

In a way you remind me of a picture I saw recently - It showed a dog walking over a log that spanned a creek - he got to the middle of the log - and stopped - attracted by his shadow reflected in the water below - He carried a large bone in his mouth - but you know what happened -

Among all the High brows of N.Y. and the members of the A.N.S. I doubt if there is one you talk coins to - as you used to write coins to me -

Do you remember Abdul Aziz - the Toronto Syrian - who I used to send you your name in different forms of Arabic? Wonder where Abdul is today - here, we used to call him zigzag. And the nephew John letter that went astray (?) on its way to Uncle George - and how you swore when after sending me a duplicate of it - you read it in Mehl's Monthly. I told you my sister - (having no imagination) had never refused to receive it from the postman!

3 / Howland - I derive ten times more pleasure to day from my coin dabblings and studies - and correspondence and talks with collectors - than you do - at least I think so.

Besides yourself - the only N.Y. coin men I have ever spoken to are Bresley, Kettig - Kohler and Normer - and the last named three rolled into one - would not make a real collector. Then I think of that oleaginous son of Abraham - the tail of the quartet - and the brilliant James. I thank the Lord I do not belong to any society or club they are members of.

Resigned from the A.H.A. early in Jan. and in doing so - told the Exec Sec. that if the management of it ever got again into the hands of real Americans - I would join it again.

Your little Ebenezer - at the Montreal Convention in 1923, he showed Murray (of Montreal) and myself - a silver medal that S.H.Chapman had unloaded onto him for 48⁰⁰ ! I hope Hobbes wife will help him take better care of his dollars now, though what the devil he wanted with a wife puzzles me! Grey was years older than 67 - I am in my 67th year - and he was here twice - and I saw a lot of him. He told me he was several years older than I was.

I thought his wife died years ago? Well has dropped both writing and sending me his catalogs - He still owes me 15⁰⁰ or 16⁰⁰ for the last copy I sent him - and he - a member of the B. of G. of A.H.A.!

Well you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. So you never write long hand letters now except to your Mother - Well for God's sake never drop writing her - and writing often. Brookline is not so far from N.Y. but that you can pay her a visit fairly often. She's your MOTHER - and you won't have many more chances to see her - don't neglect your opportunities. If you do - you'll regret it until your last day.

A man's Mother comes even before his wife. In the U.S. marriage seems to be nothing but legalized whoring - a man may have a dozen wives in his life - but he can only have one Mother - at Alders last sale - one lot fell to my list of bids - it came to 60⁰⁰ plus 10⁰⁰ postage. Last week I got letter from the Alder C. & C. Co. asking me to remit 70⁰⁰, and the 2 p.c. would be sent to me.

of the letter said that as I was a "strikly" new bidder - they
must insist on satisfactory references - or cash before sending
coins until I had established my credit with them.
The spelling of letter was as bad as ever - the handwriting
well a little more legible than yours.

And all about \$37!

Can you beat it?

It was even rarer than the one you sent me 2 or 3 years ago -
in which you informed me that you were too busy to look up a
coin I questioned you about - when after taking some hours
time to get you information about some book you wanted,
about the middle of month I expect to get from Wales - a batch
of some 400 or so coins - they are -

Ancient Indian - all different.

Sassanian & Indo-Sassanian.

Indo-Greek. Indo-Parthian, Scythian & Kushan
South India.

Gathas Sultans & Moghal

Persian Moguls imitated from Byzantine

Kashmir - Indo & Mahomedan

Mysore - Candy -

If satisfactory I'll repeat.

By the way I'll have enough to keep me guessing for balance of winter!
For reference - I give Elder C. & G. Cor. names of two of N. Y.'s biggest
coin men.

F. H. Elder

Newland Wood.

If that doesn't fetch them here - they may go to New Jersey.
Years ago Wilson of Montreal asked me to go there and act as
his agent - for him.

I refused as I wouldn't leave my mother. I was also offered a job
in N. Y. but refused that - one thing too many years there, worse
even than here. And another thing - no churches there (not of
church of England I mean) Yes - I go to church generally most Sundays -
was there last night - and offered a little prayer for Grey's soul.
It may not do him much good - but one never can tell.
Well - its time I run off - thanking you for your kindness
in sending me news of Grey -

yours faithfully

Uncle George,

P.S. A week or two ago I saw in a paper that a young gentleman - Mr. Moe, or moe - (I suppose he's a Chink) an officer of the A. N. S. of N. Y. (this in fall) had delivered a lecture in this city on Greek coins & their influence on art, or something like that.

If I had known of it - I'd have attended - as you must know him - But I guess it was some High Brow club here - and 10 to 1 - they'd none but members there.

Well, I didn't see him - but he sure missed something when he missed U. G.

I have a couple of bottles of pre-war whiskey left yet - and I could have let him wet his whistle - but perhaps the bird didn't bring his whistle with him!

S. S. H.

Re Grey, In the last letter I had from him - years ago - He strongly objected to some things I had said in my letter to him. He said I assumed certain things were facts - but they were not - they were only "assumptions." He went on to say he never assumed things - what he said - he would always prove.

In my reply, I said we were forced to assume that certain statements made by others regarding coins were true - He was as guilty as myself in this - as in his book on early coins prior to 1500 - he had accepted and included in his work - certain coins that he had never seen - and of whose existence he had no proof except that they had been listed by foreign cataloguers. He never answered this letter of mine.

Their great fault was - and yours also to a lesser extent is this - "you both acquired knowledge - increased what you had - and assumed that the other fellow's knowledge remained stationary - that he remained exactly where he had been 15 or 20 years before."

This assumption is wrong - we all progress - though some progress faster than others.

It is a great mistake to undervalue another man's knowledge - personally I don't mind - Julius told me in Montreal that he did not think I knew much about Canadians - simply because I told him a dom. of Canada, 4⁰⁰ bill in very dirty condition - was only worth 4⁰⁰ here - he claimed it was worth 6⁰⁰.

22 Larch St.
Toronto. 2.
May 30th 1927.

Dear Mr Wood,

For several weeks - at intervals - the Sat. Evening Post has contained articles entitled

"A. E. F. Major General Hunter Liggett, U. S. A., Retired, with Wesley Winans Stout."

Why - when - and by whom these two young gentlemen were retired I have no very clear idea - but I presume there must have been some good reasons. I have read these articles with great interest and pleasure, as they tell us how Mr Liggett by his brilliant generalship and heroism won the great war. All honour to these two young men - future articles will I trust make clear Mr Stout's connection with the greatest victory of modern times.

There is a saying - a true one, that -

"Peace has its victories no less glorious than war." This is fully proved by an article in the current issue of the same weekly -

"Pieces of Eight, By Crawford Hyman - as told to Carroll L. Van Doren."

This article is - I venture to say - one of the ablest and most illuminating ever written and published on the subject of coin collecting.

I wish the author had found it possible to give the name of the young man who made such a lucky find in the window of a Boston pawnshop. I wish it all the more as he is now "one of the greatest numismatic authorities in the world". If you - or any of your staff should ever learn his name - I should be glad to know it - so I might pay my tribute to him.

This reticence is very annoying to all interested in coin collecting. This article contains many features of great interest - but in one or two cases the writer makes a slip. How any real numismatic can compare the clumsy thick stater of the gipsies with that numismatic rarity and treasure - the 1894 dime from the S mint is more than I can understand.

It is true that the stater is found honoured in the greatest and best collections the world over - while the dime has only a narrow local interest - and is without any historical or true numismatic interest.

H. Wood *2. May 30- / 27.

Your name - mentioned once or twice in the article, has brought you again to my memory, I was not sure whether you were alive or not. I am glad you are still at the work you enjoy. You have the opportunity to do ~~good~~ collectors great services - and I am sure you are doing so all the time.

But I must not trespass on your time - it is too valuable to be wasted by an idle old fossil.

I wanted to express to you the great pleasure I have taken in reading the articles on the World war - and pieces of Eight. Truly the 20th century belongs to the United States - First alike in war and numismatics - leading the World.

The only thing you (as a nation) are behind in - is personal liberty to buy a bottle of good whiskey or beer (or a case). Thank the Lord - our Ontario - Government Liquor Stores start business on Wed., Price lists were published in full in Saturday's papers.

With kindest regards and all good wishes -
Yours faithfully

S. S. Head,

June 3, 1927

My dear Heal:-

Receiving a second letter from you is really more than I deserve, but somehow or other letter writing gets more and more irksome to me. There was a time when I was young when I just loved to do it. Those were the good old days when you and I were "Uncle" and "Nephew."

I see you remembered my birthday, or was it just a lucky accident? I have just completed the half century, which seems tough, though you probably view it with great complacency. I suppose I am one of the few people in the country who do not read the "Saturday Evening Post." I used to, but being a conscientious youth I felt I had to eat my nickel's worth by reading every word of it. In order to do that I found I could have to give up work, so of the two evils, I cut out the "Saturday Evening Post." Therefore, all these things you tell me seem strange and almost incomprehensible. So Hunter Liggett is renewing his youth in telling how he won the war. He has got to share that honor with a few million others.

Crawford Wyman was an old pal of mine. I knew he was writing the article and in fact I gave him most of his thunder in various conversations. With the tip from Canada, I rushed out to a newsstand and got the "Post" with "Pieces of Eight" in it, sat down on the curb stone and read it through, thereby blocking pedestrian traffic for half an hour. Of course, we all know we could do better than the other fellow and I know some of the things that I told Wyman and Wyman told Van Doren got slightly warped and twisted by the time they got into print. On the whole I think the article will do more good than harm, though I really think the effect will be pretty nearly neutral.

Please tell us something about yourself. Are you getting more bald or are you growing a new crop of hair?

Very truly yours,

H.W.:MB

July 4th 1927.

My dear Wood,

Your very welcome letters of June 3rd, both to hand - By "both" I mean the typed one, and the more personal in your own characteristic writing - Although never blessed with a fair - or unfair steno. I can well imagine the dictated letter has its own difficulties - However I am spared these.

my dear man! don't worry about the first half of your own century - probably you enter on your second half in much better trim generally than you entered on your first - and with no great inconvenience to anyone -

I enjoy the Sat. Eve. Post - Some of the non-fiction papers are V.G. and give me the U.S. view of world questions. Some articles on the Mexican question interested me quite a lot.

An article on Chicago Society - with a capital S - was V.G. the Society was non-numismatic - But the idea of an exclusive Chicago "Society" rather amused me.

I think "Pieces of Eight" and similar articles are all to the good - Such papers arrest the attention of non-collectors - and I have little doubt - decide many all over the country - to take up coin collecting as a hobby - of course all will not develop into advanced collectors.

Today it is more than ever necessary that a man should have some hobby. Of course there are scores of different hobbies - baseball - tennis - boating - secret societies - dress - church attendance & membership - and dozens of other things - are all hobbies - and I know none that beats coin collecting.

Some people go mad on joy riding in auto's, I like a motor ride - but one can get fed up on auto's.

Every day - as a rule - I walk from 3 to 5 miles - I like a good show - but I can always fall back on my coins.

During the last year or two - I have been picking up when possible - early native Indian - and I hear that the Brit. Mus. people will publish this summer - a book on this most interesting series -

2/ Cunningham is OK - but leaves much to be desired.
If I had 5 bucks to spare I should be inclined to apply for membership in your A. N. S. - But the 5 bucks the great care your membership Com. exercise - are 2 much for me to overcome. +

You seem worried about Harry's white beard - man he can easily get over that trouble - let him dye it - or shave it off - I never had a blooming beard anyhow - and never lost any sleep over it - One advantage it has is - a man need not wear a collar or polka dot tie.

(+) I should - if a member - feel at liberty to question you re my Indian Incenti.

Coin collecting in N.Y. must be of a poor kind - if Guttag is - as you say - doing most of the business - I should have thought he knew as little of coins as he does of manners and courtesy - but perhaps I misjudge him - I met him in Montreal last, and because I told him a Dom. & Can. 4⁰⁰ bill, in dirty condition - was only worth 4⁰⁰ he actually told me that I knew little about Canadian series.

Yes - I got Glendinning's cata. one from Sparks - another from Sealby - or whatever his name is - I did not send a bid - my Morelos 1812-3 - (wp) are ahead of those offered there -

Note - the feathered arrow extending below string, and the fancy bow -



I consider this a rare var.

Glad your mother & father are both alive - and that your mother is able to visit you - When you lose her - you lose the one who loves you most and best. In saying this, I mean no reflection on your wife - But a mother - is a mother - When I lost mine - I lost the best part of my life -

I have quite a few of those bull & horseman pes - the most of them Jones unloaded on me in despair - but some I got from - W. J. Williams - Beech Villa, Nelson -

Cardiff
Wales.

3-) He's a C.E. and well posted on native Indians -
I got some Kandy A and R from him - also base
Cashmir - I got all my early Indians from him. He's
awfully decent - you should write him.

I should think more of Jones - if I could get \$50.00
from him that he has owed me for several years.
He means well - but I can't get it - or a word from
him - He wrote me last Aug. (3) from N.Y. and said he
had seen you. Have not heard from him since -
He raved in praise of Newell -
Good for Beesley - !

I think you mis understand my feelings towards Wormser -
I spoke a bit to him at Montreal - and he sent me a Xmas
(or New Years) card - To show him my appreciation of his
courtesy - I paid him \$1 (I consider) a great & sincere
compliment - I sent him a proclamation - in which
I appointed him High Ruler & Look-alarm of Coin
Collectors in the U.S. - written in language of King
Arthurs time - I sealed it with seals and coins - as
you did one to me years ago.

You - or any man of good sense would have taken it
in good part - as an expression of good fellowship - I
have no silly objection to a man because he's a Hebrew -
The decent Englishman has no silly prejudice against Jews -
or else Beaconsfield would never have been Englands
Premier -

But Wormser seemingly got vexed at my frankness - he
should throw some of his dignity to the dogs - and be human
and natural - He is probably worth hundreds of times what I
am in worldly riches - but what of that - If I overlook his
blatant wealth - can't he overlook my comparative poverty -
I should be sorry for you - or him, to fancy I had any anti-jewish
dislike to him because of his creed.

I am good friends with Mehl - and the man I see most of
in this city - as far as coins go - is a Jew - and very decent.
Glad your two daughters are a joy to you - take care of them -

With all good wishes (our) faithfully S. S. Neal.

P. S. your last few lines are very true - you say -
"that about every body knows something that you don't,
that you should, and the fellow that learns the most
is the fellow that asks questions."

Do you get many coin questions from "Adventure" readers?
I have often wondered whether you did -

J. H.

22 Hatch St.
Toronto. 2.
Wednesday 1928.

My dear Wood -

Again it becomes my privilege to offer my congratulations on your having passed another mile stone on life's thorny road -

I have had you in my thoughts quite a bit recently - and Schulmans sale of last week is responsible for it. There were quite a host of elephants in the sale - and I looked up some of Grey's old letters bearing on the series. In one from him dated Oct. 23. 1904 - he writes -

"Wood was away from Boston a week altogether. He saw three collections in all and I do not know which pleased him the most. He made a curious remark before he left, saying: "I have seen nine double piazzas in one week and I have never been able to secure a single specimen."

I suppose you have dozens now in the A. R. S.'s collection, and will have plenty more from Schulmans sale - at least I hope you will as I sent a lot of bids myself - and an English collector says my bids were double what they'll sell for -

I doubt if very much. This bird says lots 285- to 299 will go for about fl. 1.50 each - Applesauce I say!

I was rash enough to bid fl. 3.0 / 4.0 / 5.0 and fl. 8.00 on some of these -

I have had a lot of indigestion for some days - but it is nothing to what I may have over these brutes -

There's not much to be got in U. S. sales - but your dear Elder sent me catalogues of 2 sales last week -

I am afraid that young Mr Titchener was not very particular or fussy over his wins - something like Dr Hessler used to be.

I sent Raymond some bids for sale last week - but I never got a lot from his 3 former sales of Wilsons coins.

I have Hendersons book on antique elephants - Poor old Grey - (Rest his soul) never got his book on these completed -

With every good wish -

Faithfully

S. S. Head

22 Barch St.
Toronto. 2.
May 29th 1929.

My dear Mr Wood -

again I take my trusty & rusty pen in my hand to offer you my most sincere felicitations on your arriving at another mile stone on your life's journey - It seems a long time since your young Brookline namesake used to write such pleasant letters to his Uncle George.

Though it is some years since I heard direct from you - I still keep in a sort of touch with you -

Having been forced from economic reasons to resign from the A.N.A. I seldom get a chance to see a copy of the numismatist, I hardly think a copy comes now to Toronto. But a year or two ago I found a substitute for the N., and with the greatest interest.

I read all your answers to the numismatic queries that appear in "Adventure" I saw in the May issue of Spink's N.C. that another numismatic cushion has arisen in N.Y. and that Spinks have been honoured by having been made his European agents - my own personal opinion is that any fool who parts with £2.2.0 for a copy - deserves to be kicked to death by wild butterflies -

I trust that you are enjoying all the many pleasures that you are entitled to -

I shall have great pleasure in having

a bottle of real beer in your honour
tomorrow and only regret that I
cannot offer you one also - but your
afflicted country knows little about
these pleasant little drinks I suppose.
Do you remember when I was with
Duffield and yourself - years ago -
at the Falls - every time we two
took a drink - Duffield contented
himself with a big black cigar.
Well! Here's to you Howland - may
your shadow never grow less - and
your country grow plauder & plauder
of you.

yours faithfully

S. S. Neal.

22 Larch St.
Toronto. 2.
May 28th 1930.

My dear Wood -

I was very pleased to get yours of the 26th Dec. last - and the Christmas card and snap shots of your country estate - the summer views are more inviting than the winter one - must be simply OK to live in such ideal surroundings - wish I had the luck!

If you have to be in N.Y. every day - the four hour ride must get kind of tedious?

You ask what I do with myself these days - well I have a lot to do in the house for the last year or more - since my sister fell on sidewalk a year ago last March and broke her right wrist - she was attended to at our big Hospital by the crack bone setter - Dr. Thomas, but while he set it OK - she has not extra use of the right hand - and as she's 3 years older than I am - is not likely to ever have it as it was before - I am kept busy till noon generally about the house - and afternoons I potter about my coins or go down town - I like to take a walk every evening - and at times take in a movie show.

In your letter previous to the last one - you said you were interesting yourself with the Bull & Horseman series - I have quite a few of these - and several I cannot place. I have Valentines - Coins of India - part 2 - and I.M.C. Vol's 1, and 4 - the last cost me exactly 900⁰⁰. at any of these - (I.M.C.) at trade prices - quite a saving too!

I.M.C. Vol. IV - shows a few of the Bull & W. type - but I have a dozen or two I can't place - are there any books that treat more fully this series?

I have B.N.J. year books - & 1906, 1908 & 1912 the two last vol's give much help on Indians -

I have made several rubbings of a coin I cannot place, and venture to ask if you can throw any light

On the subject, don't swear at me - I'm a reader of "Adventure" - and they tell the novice to appeal to "Ho Lin Wu" for help - so I send out my S.O.S - I have gone carefully over every book I have - Val's - and the I.N.C. cata's but cannot find any characters similar to those on rubbing sheets ① ③ ④ ⑤. Where were the coins issued in the first place - and who put the countersigns on them? The original coin of ④ is from different district than the others.

If "Adventure" pays you for answering - you can make a question up from my queries - and make the answer up - quoting my name as questioner - But I leave it to you - Only thing I'd like to know about them - I got all the pes. from a Welsh collector - W.J. Williams F.R.N.S. He sent them as - "S. India - Unknown".

I have only seen Ronald when in Montreal - I am told he is flooding Hesslein - Bolender & Elder with the over 30,000 Canadians he got from Wilson Estate. Am told he's sold his collection - I guess to Loyal who he acts for -

He told a friend of mine some time ago that "Hess's knowledge of coins had been greatly exaggerated".

I'm sure I had no idea anyone talked of my knowledge (?). I never heard any one talk of his - and I don't think he ever heard any one talk of mine -

Morin is a gentleman - quiet and unassuming.

In your 1927 letter you said you had recently seen Jones - I am afraid I was rather peevish with him when I wrote you on July 4^t 1927 - I have known him for many years - long before I knew you or Grey.

Jones is a first class man with considerable knowledge of coins of many series - far more than I have - but at times he loses active interest in coins - due I guess to the necessity of looking after his business - and finds he has devoted more time than he should have to coins - to the detriment of business.

then he shuns coins for a year or two - like a
reformed drunkard shuns booze.
But like the booze fighter - he fails - and takes
up coins with greater zest than ever and so he
goes on by fits and starts -
But he's O.K. - and doesn't owe me a cent today -
I only refer to him because I'm afraid I said something
hardly nice about him in 1937 -
I'm a good regular Churchman - I keep doing the
things I ought not to do -
I got a coin recently -



Obv. ⋅ PRESENTIBVS. DABIT VR - Within circle of dots - F II 1526 -
(at least I think it's an F.)

R/ MO. ECC. SANTI. AVDOMARI - within a ~~shield~~ circle of beads
a shield having 3 pine cones (?). the figure 2, above
shield -

Hardner's Chronology says - Sept. 9 to St. Audomar. Bishop,
but doesn't say where he was Bishop of -
I take it the rev. leg. means "money of the Church of St. Audomar"
I went to the head rectory here (St. Patrick's) of the Redemptorist
Fathers (R.C.) to ask what ~~see~~ this Saint was Bishop of -
The Father told me to come back next day & he'd find
out about it. I went - and he gave it up but advised
me to write Rev Fr. Carroll - a prof. of church history about it.
I spent a whole afternoon at our big Reference library -
but could find out nothing about the old joker -

But I did find out that Francis II. was Duke of Milan
in 1526. Do you think it belongs to Milan?

But I weary you I fear - so I'll ring off - first wishing
you all good wishes for the 30th. May your shadow never
grow less - and your wife and daughters grow prouder and
prouder of you -

yours faithfully
S. S. Hale

July 2, 1930

Mr. S. S. Heal
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My dear Heal:

To begin with, please excuse the typewriter, but if I am ever going to answer your last letter I have got to resort to this method. You certainly are a wonder in your perennial remembrance of my birthday! I have been going down to my camp about once a week since February and find it hard to break away. However, I do not go back and forth every day. It might interest you to know that I have painted my cottage and I did rather a good job painting the window frames and casings without painting the glass. It took some time!

I am sorry to hear about your sister.

Send down, later on, your bull and horsemen, but don't do it right away because I have more to do than I can get away with, and also, Nelson Wright has my manuscript. Jackson has done rather good work on certain Indian coins. I am going through his collection now and picking out that that we want. Your coins of which you sent rubbings, have bothered me exceedingly. I located the counterstamped ones right off. They were a local counterstamp for Cambay in India. Your other coins are all about alike. I have never seen these except with the Cambay counterstamp, and I am inclined to think that they are Cambay also, but earlier. I knew the piece could not be southern India as the characters were Gujarati. Cambay is sometimes called Khambhat. It is at the mouth of the Mahi River. (By the way, I answered twenty "Adventure" letters last month). Your coin No. 7 could be from almost anywhere. That loop, you see, is a final S which occurs on every coin that has the word "Jalus" on it. It is not Valentine's Sinur.

I love your remarks about Renaud. I would stick you up any day against him in a numismatic bee, and would guarantee that you would down him at the end of the first two questions.

Your other coin I think is a church token. It says on it, "Money of the Church of St. Omer", the other side, given as an offering. Where this church is you will have to work out. That is not an F, but I think is one way of writing an X, and would stand for XII.

Don't be afraid to shoot anything else at me that you want. I wish I had the time to keep up some of our lively correspondence of other days.

Sincerely yours,